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Massachusetts Named Most Energy Efficient State in Nation

Commonwealth Earns Top Ranking on American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy Scorecard for 9th Consecutive Year

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BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration today announced the Commonwealth has been named the most energy efficient state in the nation by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy (ACEEE) for the ninth consecutive year. Massachusetts continues to receive top marks for its energy efficiency policies and programs, and the unique energy efficiency programs offered under the Mass Save® brand in partnership with the Commonwealth’s utilities and program sponsors, for leading by example with state buildings and operations and for implementing a stretch building energy code for towns and cities. The full 2019 ACEEE State Energy Efficiency Scorecard can be found [here](https://aceee.org/state-policy/scorecard) (https://aceee.org/state-policy/scorecard).

“Massachusetts is proud to be recognized as leading the nation in energy efficiency for the ninth year in a row, and reflects the state’s efforts to reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions while saving residents and business money on their energy bills,” **said Governor Charlie Baker**. “Through significant investments in energy efficiency and clean energy, including historic procurements of hydropower and offshore wind, our administration remains committed to building a clean energy future for the Commonwealth.”

“Investing in energy efficiency not only helps meet the Commonwealth’s climate goals, but also delivers financial savings for residents, business and municipalities,” **said Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito**. “Through the Commonwealth’s Leading by Example effort and a first-in-the-nation partnership with cities and towns, the Green Communities program, we are proud to work collaboratively with communities and across state government to reduce energy usage and costs.”

The ACEEE Scorecard measures states on six categories of energy efficiency policy and programs, including utility programs, transportation, building energy codes, combined heat and power, state government policies, and appliance standards. Key to Massachusetts’ ongoing leadership is its utility-run nation-leading energy efficiency programs. The Commonwealth’s current 2019-2021 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan, approved earlier this year, sets nation-leading goals for energy savings, expecting to

achieve the highest level of natural gas savings to date while expanding the electric energy efficiency programs to align the programs with the Global Warming Solutions Act greenhouse gas reduction goals. In total, the programs are expected to deliver over \$9 billion in benefits to residents and businesses across Massachusetts.

“Energy efficiency measures are the most cost-effective option for ratepayers to lower their energy bills, while simultaneously helping Massachusetts meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals,” **said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Kathleen**

Theoharides. “We are proud that being honored as the nation’s most energy efficient state for the ninth year means our efforts in collaboration with the legislature, municipalities and stakeholders have allowed us to address climate change and deliver on significant reductions for ratepayers year after year.”

“We have continued to identify areas for our Mass Save® energy efficiency programs, in partnership with our utilities, to create an affordable, resilient and clean energy future for Massachusetts,” **said Department of Energy Resources Commissioner Judith**

Judson. “This award is only achievable through partnership and collaboration between many public and private stakeholders in every sector of the economy that is setting a higher bar for our energy future.”

The new three-year plan expands electric programs to recognize the benefits of strategic electrification, and for the first time in Massachusetts offers incentive programs for fuel switching – targeting oil and propane customers for fuel conversion to more efficient and affordable heating fuels and technologies such as air source heat pumps.

Last year, the Baker-Polito Administration [released](#)

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Comprehensive Energy Plan (CEP), which analyzed Massachusetts’ energy supply and demand and outlines priorities and strategies for achieving a clean, affordable, and resilient energy future for the Commonwealth. Earlier this year, Governor Baker [announced](#)

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three-year, \$40 million energy efficiency partnership to reduce energy consumption across dozens of Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority stations and facilities, reduce MBTA operating costs, enhance rider experience through improved lighting and

substantially reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Additionally, the Administration [awarded](/news/baker-polito-administration-awards-23-million-to-fund-solar-program-for-municipal-light-plant) [\\$2.3](/news/baker-polito-administration-awards-23-million-to-fund-solar-program-for-municipal-light-plant) million to fund a solar rebate program to support residential and small commercial solar projects for customers in participating Municipal Light Plant (MLP) service territories.

“We are pleased to recognize the continued leadership Massachusetts has shown in advancing energy efficiency and the model they serve for the rest of the country,” **said Steve Nadel, executive director at ACEEE.** “Massachusetts policymakers recognize the important benefits that energy efficiency delivers, including its essential role in meeting the state’s ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction goals.”

“Massachusetts has maintained its position as the national leader in energy efficiency for the ninth year in a row because of the commonwealth’s support of innovative, customer-centric solutions provided by energy companies under the Mass Save brand,” **said Eversource SVP and Chief Customer Officer Penni McLean-Conner and National Grid Chief Customer Officer Gregg Knight.** “We congratulate the commonwealth and all of our partners for this unparalleled achievement. We also thank our Massachusetts customers for participating in these cost-effective energy efficiency programs which contribute to our clean energy future.”

“Massachusetts’ continued national leadership in energy efficiency is due to landmark legislation and enduring policies that promote innovation, protect our environment and cut energy use,” **said Massachusetts House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo.** “I’m proud of the House’s long-standing support for investments in energy efficiency programs for individuals, institutions and businesses across the Commonwealth.”

“Massachusetts continues to lead the nation because we use a comprehensive combination of plans, regulations, incentives, and public awareness to create opportunities to reduce the state’s consumption of energy,” **said Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester).** “Collectively these measures help us create economic opportunities, improve our quality of life, save money and benefit our environment.”

“The Baker-Polito Administration’s longstanding commitment to pursuing clean, reliable and affordable energy policies has allowed the Commonwealth to maintain its position as a national leader on energy efficiency,” **said House Minority Leader Bradley H. Jones, Jr.**

(R-North Reading). “Receiving the ACEEE’s top designation for the ninth year in a row is proof that the Administration’s forward-thinking policies and programs are continuing to make a positive difference for Massachusetts’ residents.”

"Just over a decade has passed since the Green Communities Act made energy efficiency our first fuel, and thanks to the collaborative effort between the Utilities, the Administration, and the Legislature, we have achieved nearly a decade of energy conservation accomplishments," **said State Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr., Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities, and Energy.** "I am as excited about our #1 ranking nine years running as I am about where we will continue to go, including initiatives recently authorized by the Legislature, such as active demand management programs and fuel switching to renewable energy resources."

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